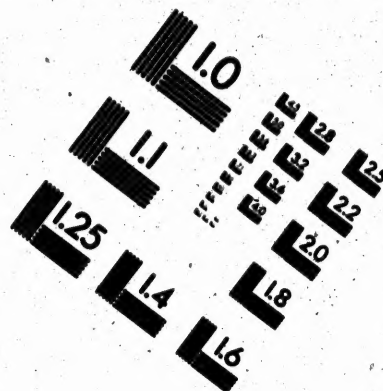
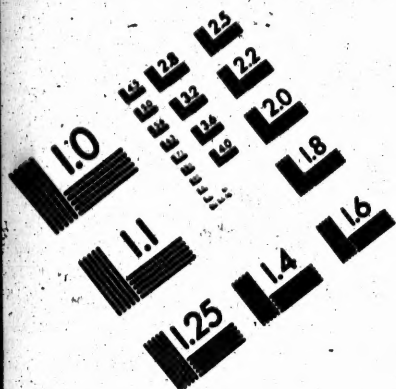




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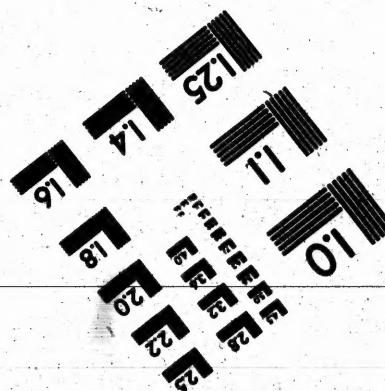
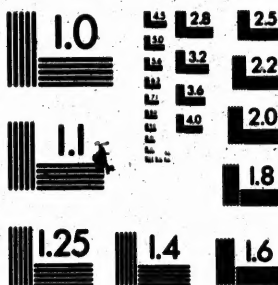
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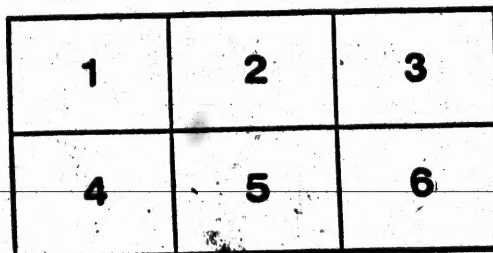
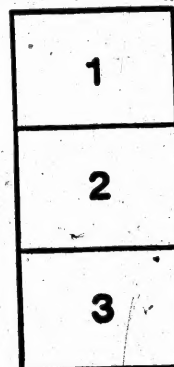
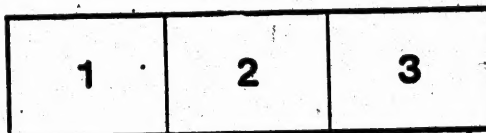
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COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

FIRST YEAR.

ON THE ADMISSION OF YOUNG MEN ON PROBATION.

It is indispensably required that the party proposed shall:—

I. Read the Scriptures and our Hymns *correctly*.

II. Write a plain hand, and compose a letter or essay *correctly*.

III. An acquaintance with Geography, and at least the primary rules of Arithmetic is essential.

IV. Such a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures as will enable him to comprehend the following subjects, so as to answer enquiries acceptably:

a. Chronology, or relative dates of great events.

b. History—events and their order.

c. Biography, or character and leading acts of the men and women of the Bible.

d. Doctrine—a satisfactory acquaintance with the leading doctrines of the Bible, in reply to the following questions, viz.:—

1. What is Evangelical repentance?

2. What is Justification?

3. What is Justifying Faith?

4. What is the *direct* witness of the Spirit?

5. What is the *indirect* witness of the Spirit?

6. What is Christian perfection?

7. What is the difference between justification and sanctification?

N. B.—Let these points be proved in order by appropriate passages from Holy Writ.

V. A satisfactory acquaintance with our Discipline.

TEXT BOOKS:

Any approved Geography and Arithmetic; Todd's Students' Manual; Reid's Elements of Composition; Cooke's Theology; Wesley's Sermons.

SECOND YEAR.

I. Re-examination in Reading, Composition, Grammar, Geography and Arithmetic.

II. A satisfactory knowledge of the Chronology, History and Biography of Holy Scripture.

III. The Evidences of Christianity; and such an acquaintance with a system of approved Theology as to comprehend and clearly state the general plan or outline of the author.

IV. A correct knowledge of the Origin and History of Methodism, and particularly of the origin, history and distinguishing principles of the Methodist New Connexion.

V. He shall also be required to submit his plan for pulpit preparation, general study, and pastoral oversight.

TEXT BOOKS:

Any approved Grammar; Paley's Evidences; Cooke's Theology; Wesley's Jour-

nals; Whitehead's Life of Wesley; Jubilee Volume; Life of Kilham; Watson's Theological Institutes.

THIRD YEAR.

I. Re-examination on subjects named in first article of the second year's course.

II. A knowledge of the Chronology, History and Biography of the great nations of the earth, in relation to that of the Holy Scriptures.

III. The Elements of Natural Philosophy.

IV. The Evidences of Christianity, and the Inspiration and Authenticity of the Scriptures.

V. A satisfactory acquaintance with the History of the Reformation, and its effects on civilization, liberty and religion.

VI. The outlines of Ecclesiastical History in general.

VII. Plan of studies and Circuit duties.

TEXT BOOKS:

Taylor's Manual of Ancient and Modern History; Comstock's Natural Philosophy; Horne's Introduction; Butler's Analogy, (with Teft's Analysis;) D'Aubigne's Reformation; Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, (Murdock's Translation, English edition, with notes by Dr. Reed.

FOURTH YEAR.

- I. Re-examination in the studies of previous years.
- II. Philosophy, mental and moral.
- III. Logic and Rhetoric.
- IV. Ancient and Modern History.
- V. An essay or written sermon.
- VI. Plan of study, &c. (See Article 5th, second year's course.)

VII. Examination on the distinctive doctrines of Methodism.

The candidate will prepare himself to *define* accurately, to *explain* and *prove*, the *distinctive* doctrines of Methodism, as well as the great and leading doctrines of the Scriptures generally; in particular the following, viz.:—

1. The being and character of God.
2. The Inspiration and sufficiency of the holy Scriptures.
3. The Deity of Christ.
4. Personality and Deity of the Holy Ghost.
5. Primitive state of man.
6. Original sin.
7. Atonement for all.
8. Conditions of salvation.
9. Justification.
10. Regeneration and its evidences.
11. The direct witness of the Spirit.
12. Entire sanctification.

13. Moral responsibility, and man's free agency.

14. Possibility of falling *finally* from grace.

15. Immortality of the soul, and the future state.

16. The resurrection of the body.

17. The general judgment.

18. Future and eternal rewards and punishments.

19. The institutions of Christianity—the ministry, the sabbath, the sacraments. (See Discipline, page 30, sec. 15.)

TEXT BOOKS:

Upham's Mental Philosophy; Wayland's Elements of Mental Philosophy; Wayland's Elements of Moral Philosophy; Whately's Logic; Whately's Rhetoric; Taylor's Manual of Ancient and Modern History; Cooke's Theistcs; Watson's Institutes.

The student will do well to obtain also, at his earliest convenience, Macaulay's History of England; Smith's Sacred Annals, Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed; and Harper's Course of Study for Wesleyan Methodist Probationers.

APPENDIX.

The Conference having adopted the previous outline as its course of study for candidates for the ministry, further resolves:

I. That all probationers ordained for special purposes shall be particularly examined respecting their understanding and approval of the polity of the Methodist New Connexion.

II. That the requisitions in the *Course of Study* do not supersede or set aside any of the requirements of our Discipline, *vide* sec. 8, p. 33.

III. That the examination of Probationers shall be conducted at each May District Meeting, *privately*, by a Board of Examiners appointed at the previous October District Meeting.

IV. That the following questions be proposed to the candidate, *publicly*, at each

May District Meeting, by the Chairman of the District—the answers to which shall be faithfully recorded in the District Book, viz.:

1. Have you *daily* and *prayerfully* read the word of God during the year?

2. Have you a time *specially* set apart for this sacred duty?

3. Have you a *definite* rule as to the order or amount of such daily readings?

4. Have you read the Bible regularly through *once*, or oftener, during the year?

5. What part of Mr. Wesley's doctrinal works have you studied this year?

6. What part of Mr. Fletcher's writings have you studied this year?

7. What other works, helpful to personal piety or ministerial usefulness, have you read?

8. Have you any rule by which you apportion your time for the attainment of personal holiness, for study, for pastoral duties?

9. Have you carefully visited the sick under your care during the year?

10. Have you had fruit of your ministry in the conversion of sinners?

11. Have you paid attention to the establishment of Sabbath schools; and have you catechized the children of those schools, and of our friends and hearers, as you have had opportunity?

11. Have you visited the people at their houses, enquiring into their religious state, praying with them, and administering to them wholesome counsel?

13. Have you carefully read over our Discipline during the year, and has it your approval and confidence?

[SIGNED,]

By order of the Conference,

W. McCLURE, *President.*

J. C. WATTS, *Secretary.*

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